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1. SHAIKH ISA BIN ALI AL KHALIFA, BAHRAINI ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY FOR IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT AFFAIRS OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TOLD CONSUL AND VICE CONSUL ON 15 JULY THAT CURRENT NUMBER LEBANESE NATIONALS IN BAHRAIN APPROXIMATELY 350. THERE NO APPRECIABLE INCREASE SINCE BEGINNING OF FIGHTING IN LEBANON.

2. SHAIKH ISA EMPHASIZED THAT ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR LEBANESE HAVE NOT BEEN MODIFIED. THEY STILL REQUIRE SPONSOR OR MUST BE LEGITIMATE BUSINESSMEN.ITHE BAHRAINI GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLANS TO MODIFY THESE REQUIREMENTS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: WE WOULD HAVE ESTIMATED MORE "REFUGEE" LEBANESE IN BAHRAIN THAN THIS NUMBER SINCE A NUMBER OF WEALTHY MARONITES ARE OSTENTATIOUSLY ENSCONCED IN THE LEADING HOTELS. BUT WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SHAIKH ISA WOULD CONSCIOUSLY MISLEAD US NOR BE MISINFORMED HIMSELF.
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